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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 Re: New U.S. Patent Appln. Our Ref: 029082.53212US

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

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entitled: Process For Sterilizing Objects

Enclosed are:

- 1. Specification, including 8 claims (pages 1-13).
- 2. 2 Sheets of X Formal drawings showing Figs. 1-2.
- 3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (executed).
- 4. Application Data Sheet
- 5. Assignment of the invention to <u>Rüdiger Haaga GmbH</u>
- 6. Certified copy of Priority Document <u>103 14 687.3</u> filed in <u>Germany</u> on <u>March 27, 2003</u>, the priority of which is being claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and 37 C.F.R. §1.55.
- 7. Information Disclosure Statement $w/\underline{1}$ reference.
- 8. X Applicant claims Small Entity Status. (See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.)
- 9. The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

Basic Fee							\$385/770	= \$385.00	
Total Claims	8	_	20	=	0	x	\$9/18	= \$	
Independent Claims	1	•	3	=	0	x	\$43/86	= \$	
Multiple Dependent Claim Presented							\$140/280	= \$	
Total Filing Fee							\$385.00		

A check in the amount of \$425.00 for the filing fee and the assignment recording fee is enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 05-1323 (Docket #029082.53212US). A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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